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Not intended to solicit properties already listed for sale Fire ban lifted

by CHAD INGRAM Editor

The fire ban that had been in place across Haliburton County's four municipalities since June 1 amid dry conditions was lifted by the county's fire chiefs on June 18.

The removal of the ban means that bonfires, the use of torches, charcoal barbecues, etc. and the lighting of fireworks (within the rules of municipal bylaws) are once again permitted.

Algonquin Highlands fire chief Mike French told township councillors during a June 17 online meeting that despite signage throughout the township and county, as well as notification in local media, there had been six violations of the ban, resulting in residents being fined.

"We had zero tolerance, and the appropriate invoicing has been forwarded to those property owners," French said.

In Algonquin Highlands, if fire services are called to a property, the property owner is invoiced for those services, at a rate of \$485 per truck, per hour.

"The bushes were really dry," French said, referencing a fire along North Shore Road the week prior. "We have to do all we can to protect our forests."

"I think that's an appropriate course of action," said Mayor Carol Moffatt. "There is absolutely no reason not to know that the fire ban's in place, you know, with social media

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Back in business

Betty James stands behind the counter at EAT, which has reopened in the former ambulance bay on Minden's Milne Street, offering cheeses, meats, gourmet items, and food to go. EAT will be open Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

MH man charged in armed robbery

by CHAD INGRAM

Editor

A Minden Hills man is one of two men charged in an armed robbery that took place

in Coboconk on the morning of June 19.

According to the Kawartha Lakes OPP, just after 8 a.m., the complainants called 911 after arriving at their destination and being robbed by two armed men who'd been following them in another vehicle.

The 27-year-old Minden Hills man is

charged with armed robbery and mischief under \$5,000. A second man, a 30-year-old from Scarborough, is charged with armed

Both accused will appear in court in Lindsay on July 29.









A fire ban that was put in place across Haliburton County on June 1 was lifted by the county's fire chiefs on June 18. /File photo

No daytime burning without permit

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and signs, radio, newspaper ... You'd have to be living under a rock, really, or have not have been informed by a landlord, or something of that nature."

Daytime burning remains prohibited between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. without a daytime burn permit, as per standard seasonal fire regulations. A press release from the Township of Minden Hills indicated that all daytime burning permits and fireworks permits that had been suspended amid the ban were once again active.

"If you have applied for a burn or fireworks permit, inspections will begin again and approvals issued as required," the release reads. "The discharge or use of fireworks without a permit is prohibited, please contact the Minden Hills fire department for more information."

Each of the county's municipalities have similar fireworks bylaws, relegating use of fireworks during certain hours on certain holidays or holiday long weekends.

As of press time, the fire risk in the county was considered moderate, and the release indicates that fires must include materials assembled in single pile, no more than two metres in diameter, and no more than two metres high. Fires must be at least two metres away from flammables or combustible materials, and must be completely extinguished (cold to the touch) when finished.

Scott shuffled out of cabinet

by CHAD INGRAM

Editor

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes- Brock MPP Laurie Scott was one of five prominent ministers removed from the Ford government's cabinet in a shuffle last week.

That shuffle comes one year ahead of next June's provincial election

Scott, first elected MPP in 2003, has served as the province's labour minister, and most recently as infrastructure minister, after the PCs swept to majority victory in the 2018 election.

"I work hard, whether I'm a minister or an MPP," Scott said in response to the shuffle, adding, "Politics is like that.

"I feel I've done a lot in my two portfolios," Scott told the *Times*. As labour minister, she said she was proud of legislation passed to protect "double-hatters" – full-time firefighters who also serve as volunteer firefighters in their home communities. For years, double-hatters were subject to penalties such as fines or dismissal for serving with more than one department. With changes long-requested by rural municipalities, Scott said it was one of the first issues she spoke to on the floor of Queen's Park in 2003.

As infrastructure minister, Scott said she was proud of the billions of dollars in provincial funding that have been allotted for improving connectivity to high-speed, broadband internet, particularly in rural communities. Improved connectivity for rural communities has been the number one issue she's heard about from constituents during nearly 18 years in office, she said.

Scott is the nominated Progressive Conservative candidate for the riding for the 2022 election, and said she "absolutely" still intends to run again.

Scott defends use of notwithstanding clause

Scott is defending the Ford government's controversial use of the notwithstanding clause last week, overturning a judge's decision and limiting election ad spending by third parties a year from the next provincial election.

The notwithstanding clause allows governments to override portions of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms for a period of five years, and is rarely used. The Ford government's Bill 307, which had been struck down by a judge as unconstitutional earlier in June, doubles the restricted pre-election spending period for third party advertisements a year before the next election, which will take place in June of 2022. Critics say it's the government's attempt to silence critics such as teachers' unions.

After a weekend of debate, the bill was passed in Queen's Park on Monday, June 14, 63 votes to 47. It was the first time in Ontario's history the notwithstanding clause has been used.



Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott was removed as infrastructure minister from the Ford government's cabinet in a shuffle last week./ Submitted photo

"It certainly has been used by other provinces," Scott said, adding she believed election results should be determined by voters and not third parties through the use of advertising campaigns. "I firmly believe that the voters of Ontario are the ones who should decide the outcome of the election,"

She referenced the unbridled spending that is permitted to take place by so-called super PACs (political action committees) in American elections, and said she didn't want to see the province heading in that direction. Scott reiterated that political parties themselves are subject to regulated spending limits.

"We have limits and we can't overspend on those limits," Scott said. "We are heavily regulated."

She was asked if she thought it was appropriate for the decision of a judge to be overridden by a government.

"It's a legitimate constitutional power that we have, that all provinces have," she said, adding the clause has been used by various parties, and in various provinces. The notwithstanding clause has been most frequently used by the Quebec government.

Kash Art on the Water seeks artists

A group of Lake Kashagawigamog residents is planning an art tour and sale for Aug. 7, and is recruiting artists to be part of the event.

Kash Art on the Water will feature art at various properties around the lake, which can be visited by boat or by car, with the art available for viewing and sale.

Artists who would like to be involved are asked to register on the Lake Kashagawigamog Organization website before June 28 at https://www.lko.ca/.

Submitted

MH man faces impaired driving charges

A 62-year-old Minden Hills man is facing charges of impaired driving and driving with a blood-alcohol limit above the legal limit after OPP responded to a call of a possible impaired driver along County Road 121 on June 17.

The man will appear in court in Minden on July 7.

County	Current Cases Not Resolved	Current High Risk Contacts	Current Probable Cases	Confirmed Cases (Total to date)	Confirmed Cases Resolved (Total to Date)	Hospitalization s (Total to date)	Confirmed Deaths (Total to date)	Probable Deaths (Total to date)
Haliburton	1	0	0	122	120	3	1	0
Kawartha Lakes	8	13	0	1,082	1,030	46	44	13
Northumberland	9	8	1	943	917	32	17	0
Total***	18	22	1	2,147	2,067	81	62	13

No new cases in health unit district

For the first time since March 23, there were no new cases of COVID-19 reported in Haliburton County, City of Kawartha Lakes or Northumberland County in the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district health unit's daily update on June 22. /Screenshot from HKPRDHU website

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Lottery for purchase of Food Cycler at reduced rate

by CHAD INGRAM

Editor

The Township of Algonquin Highlands will host a lotterystyle draw allowing residents to purchase Food Cyclers at a reduced rate as part of a waste diversion pilot project.

As previously reported in the Times, the Food Cycler is a countertop device about the size of a bread machine that speeds up the natural decomposition process, grinding and drying up food waste and turning it into a "dry, odourless nutrient-dense by-product that is significantly reduced in weight and volume from its unprocessed state," according to a report from township environmental co-ordinator Melissa Murray. "The end product is free from bacteria, and weed seeds and food-borne pathogens."

The Food Cycle Sciences Corporation, which manufactures the units, recently received \$10,000 in federal funding through a waste reduction challenge, and will contribute that funding to reducing the purchase price of the devices. The township will contribute \$2,000 to the project, bringing the subsidized price for residents down to \$150 per unit, plus ap-

"We have a fairly short window to get these units and the program launched," Murray told councillors during a June 17

Some residents have already expressed interest in purchasing Food Cyclers, and there was some conversation about what the fairest way to distribute the devices would be.

"I think for transparency purposes, 100 names out of a hat is the way to go," said Mayor Carol Moffatt, adding that otherwise, it amounted to discretionary decision-making on the part of council. Other councillors ultimately agreed.

Moffatt also noted there would be a formal process, facilitated by Murray, through which to enter.

"Sending notes to staff or council does not get your name on the list," she said.

There is a two-week window for entries. The lottery is for residents of Algonquin Highlands only. If fewer than 100 people are interested, the units will be sold on a first-come,

For more information, contact Murray at mmurray@algonquinhighlands.ca

Two people sent to hospital following off-road vehicle collision

On June 19, members of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Central Region Traffic Incident Management Enforcement (T.I.M.E.) team investigated a serious single off-road vehicle (ORV) collision on Gregory Lane.

Investigation revealed the driver and four passengers were not wearing helmets or seat belts while a utility terrain vehicle (UTV) was being operated on the roadway. Two passengers were transported to hospital, one of which was subsequently airlifted to a Toronto-area trauma centre.

While the T.I.M.E. investigators were at the scene, six additional ORV riders were charged with failing to wear a helmet while passing by.

The June 19 collision is one of three serious Central Region collisions involving ORVs where the persons were not wearing helmets.

The public is reminded to be safe and responsible when riding ORVs:

- All riders must wear an approved helmet, securely fastened by chin strap, unless the ORV is being operated on private property owned by the ORV owner.
- All riders of UTVs must occupy a seating position with a seatbelt which must be worn properly.
- ORV's must be registered, have a rear license plate and be insured unless being operated on private property owned by the ORV owner.
- ORVs travelling on roadways must travel in the same direction of traffic, on the shoulder (or as far right as possible when no shoulder) and with lights on.
- On roadways with posted speed limits of 50 km/h or less the maximum ORV speed is 20 km/h. On roadways with posted speed limits of more than 50 km/h the maximum ORV speed is 50 km/h.
- Impaired/drinking driving laws also pertain to the drivers

- Submitted by the OPP





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(VIRTUAL) COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted virtually via web conference meetings, until further notice. Meetings begin at 9:00 AM unless otherwise noted. The schedule of upcoming meetings are:

> June 24 - Regular Council Meeting July 29 - Regular Council Meeting

Please note Council Meetings are reduced to one (1) meeting a month in July, August and December. Please note the live-stream link provided for each meeting will only be activated while Council is in session.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENTS

• Friday, June 25th at the Minden Fairgrounds between 9am – 3pm • Saturday, June 26th at the Scotch Line Landfill Site between 8am - 11:30 am

Materials must be in labelled, non-leaking containers and must be from a household Please bring your landfill ID card and remain in your vehicle

IMPORTANT PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION

The 2021 Final Residential tax bills will be mailed on June 25th, 2021. If you have not received your bill(s) prior to the July due date, please contact our office. The Final tax bill will be payable in two installments; July 23rd, 2021 and September 17th, 2021. This bill has been calculated using the 2021 assessment multiplied by the 2021 applicable tax rate(s), less the interim billing amount. Payments received after June 14th may not be reflected on your tax bill. Please note that any overdue amounts do not include penalty/interest for July. Please contact our office for a current balance.

The Final Commercial/Industrial/Multi-residential tax bills are anticipated to be mailed in August. Bills with both commercial and residential assessments will be mailed together at that time.

Payment Methods:

· Cash and debit payments are currently suspended.

- · On-line or telephone banking.
- · Payment at financial institutions.
- Cheque-by mail or deposit in the drop box. The secure (locked) drop box is labelled and located on the north wall of the Administration building facing Pritchard Lane and the Municipal parking lot. It is accessed from the wheelchair entrance and is at the top of the first ramp.

Absolutely no cash is to be deposited in the drop box.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

We are currently looking to fill a variety of positions within the Township. Many opportunities include benefits such as enrollment in a comprehensive benefit package, Employee Assistance Plan, life insurance, personal health coverage, OMERS pension plan, vacation, float and sick time entitlements as well as opportunities for training and development

Please see below and visit our website at www.mindenhills.ca/employment-opportunities/ or email sprentice@mindenhills.ca for more information and application deadlines.

PUBLIC WORKS

Operations Manager (Roads)

The Operations Manager will lead the dayto-day operations of the Roads Department. Key areas of responsibility include road and bridge maintenance, fleet management and winter control operations. The Operations Manager will plan, co-ordinate and monitor daily operations, ensure supervisory and safety components are met and respond to public inquiries on a regular basis. Refer to the job posting and description located on our website for a complete list of requirements

Equipment Operator (Temporary Full Time)

Candidates will have a minimum of 2 years experience operating a minimum of 2 of the following; Tandem Axle Truck, Single Axle Truck, Loader or Backhoe as well as a thorough understanding of road construction and maintenance procedures. A valid DZ licence is required. A union position, for a temporary term. Hours are 42/week. Rate of pay is \$24.81/hour, subject to union dues.

Equipment Labourer (Short Term)

Candidates will have a minimum of 2 years experience in a related position, and a general knowledge of vehicles, equipment and materials used in a Roads Department A valid DZ Licence, or ability to obtain, is required. A union position, for a temporary term to a maximum of nine (9) months. Hours are 42/week Rate of Pay is \$23 01/hour subject to union dues

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Operator (Full Time)

Candidates will have a minimum of 2 years' experience in municipal recreation facilities, parks and cemeteries, including 6 months to 1 year experience operating an ice resurfacer and other related parks equipment. A valid D licence is required. This is a permanent, full time union position. Hours are 40/week, variable shifts. Rate of Pav is \$24.60/hour. subject to union dues.

Operator (Casual)

Candidates will have basic knowledge of equipment, vehicles and materials used in municipal parks, cemeteries and facilities. A valid G licence is required. This is a casual, non-union position. Hours are 24/week. variable shifts. Rate of Pay is \$18.22/hour.

BUILDING/BYLAW/PLANNING Building Inspector (Septic Focus)

The Building Inspector is responsible for the application and enforcement of the Ontario Building Code, provincial legislation and municipal by-laws. Candidates will be certified in General Legal/Process and Onsite Sewage Systems, and be certified in, or be willing to obtain House or Small Buildings, as set out by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and as per the Ontario Building Code. This is a permanent, full time union position. Hours are 35/week. Rate of Pay is \$26.60/hour, subject to union dues.



Minden Hills Council & Staff wish everyone a Safe and Happy Canada Day. Please enjoy the holiday responsibly and within the Provincial quidelines. Administration Offices and services will be CLOSED on July 1st.

A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

RV/Motorhome Fire Safety Tips:

- In an emergency make sure we can find you in - SECONDS DO COUNT! It's crucial to know your location so emergency responders can find you in the event of an emergency. Be aware of your location and surroundings.
- Confirm the local emergency numbers for police, fire and ambulance - is 911 service available in the
- camparounds are in more remote areas that may not provide cell phone coverage. Check your cell phone coverage.

When vacationing in an isolated area, keep in mind that help from emergency services may be some distance away. It's important that you have a fire escape plan in place. Have at least two escape routes - one in the front and one in the rear. Test all escape windows, hatches and door latches for smooth operation and keep all escape window clear of any obstructions.

THAT'S A FACT **FOR SHORE**

Lakes have always had Blue Green Algae. The problem is the recent growth in the number of toxic blooms.

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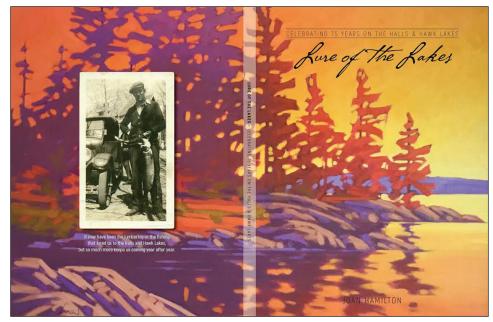
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Lure of the Lakes features stories of the history of lumbering, early settlers and first cottagers in Algonquin Highlands as well as work by local artists. /

New book celebrates the arts, history of Halls and Hawk lakes

The Halls and Hawk Lakes Property Owners Association (HHLPOA) is celebrating a 75th anniversary with a collection of stories that traces the history from the lumbering and early settlers' days to the first cottagers. The Lure of the Lakes not only describes the importance of fishing to these initial full-time and seasonal inhabitants, it also tells the personal stories of some of Algonquin Highlands' artists. The draw to our lakes runs deep and the urge to paint and sketch is felt by many.

The images of seven different artists will be enjoyed throughout this new book, along with over 40 delightful tales of times gone by and more than 400 photographs that help to illustrate the history of the area.

The artwork of John Barry Lennard, a Minden resident and Big Hawk cottager, is featured on the hardcover of this book as well as in his own family cottage story. The water, rocks and sky of the Haliburton area has always influenced John's art, as his wife Marie says, even when he was doing abstract work.

Currently John's work can be seen at the Colborne Street Gallery in Fenelon Falls, The Ethel Curry Gallery in Haliburton, Gallery on the Lake in Buckhorn, among other locations.

HHLPOA is delighted that anyone who purchases the book will have their own copy of some of this great art.

Mary Intven Wallace, another local artist, educator and cottager, is also featured in Lure of the Lakes. Mary's art is not only inspired by Algonquin Highlands, she inspires so many others as she has taught over 40 years at the Haliburton School of Fine Arts. Mary is also a founding member of the Haliburton Studio Tours. The HHLPOA is proud to say that as a part of the 75th anniversary activities, Mary will be leading two "Paint- along" sessions later this summer.

Both Mary Intven Wallace and John Lennard will have art for sale as part of the "Floating Markets" that HHLPOA is sponsoring again this year on August 7. Other artists will be selling pottery, woodworking and jewellery. More information can be found on hallshawklakes.ca

Pre-order sales are happening right now for Lure of the Lakes on the HHLPOA website (hallshawklakes.ca/store) with local pick-up later this summer.

Submitted by Joan Hamilton



John Lennard, a Minden artist who cottages on Big Hawk Lake, contributed to Lure of the Lakes with artwork and his own family cottage story. /Submitted

Dock talk continues in Algonquin Highlands

by CHAD INGRAM Editor

Algonquin Highlands councillors continued conversations regarding the creation of policy governing private docks on public road allowances within the township during an online meeting June 17.

The regulations would apply to docks, staircases and other privately owned infrastructure located on township-owned road allowances across the road from residences. Such situations exist along North Shore Road, Halls Lake Road, and numerous other roadways within the municipality.

With concerns around liability and shoreline health, council appears headed toward the creation of licence of occupation system, whereby residents would apply and pay for a permit to have a dock, staircase or pump house located on a road allowance. The draft bylaw reviewed by council last week also showed that residents would be required to make a \$2,500 deposit toward any legal fees associated with the processing of the licence of agreement, and stipulated that docks should not be located within three metres, or 10 feet, of the travelled portion of the road. It also indicated that residents would be required to provide annual proof of \$2,000,000 worth of li-

On a going-forward basis, it stipulated that only docks, stairways and pump houses would be permitted on townshipowned road allowances.

"That means you can't have a deck?" asked Mayor Carol

"That is correct," said planner Sean O'Callaghan.

"That's not going to go over well," Moffatt said.

The mayor has reiterated that the process is not about making residents remove existing structures, but about the township having more control over new builds. While there was some appetite from councillors for licences of occupation to be required of existing structures, it was O'Callaghan's rec-



Algonquin Highlands councillors are continuing discussions around the creation of a licence of occupation system for privately-owned docks located on township-owned road allowances across the road from residences. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

ommendation that it only be applied from the creation of the policy onward. O'Callaghan suggested that applying the licences retroactively would basically require the township to have a new building full of planning staff.

While the selling of road allowances to residents had been an option in an earlier staff report, Moffatt said it was important for the township to retain ownership of road allowances for instances where maintenance work needs to be performed.

During last week's meeting, she noted it would likely still be some time before council arrived at a final version of the

"This is not happening today, next week, or probably even in the next year or so," she said.

A further revised draft policy will come back to council.











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Sticky situation

RECENTLY ON a
Saturday morning, I
opened a door to a storage
room in the basement and lo and
behold, was welcomed by a milk
snake stuck to the wall. You read
that right.

Somehow – and it's something I'm trying very hard not to think about – the snake found its way into our house, crawled along pipes on the ceiling that surely have some sort of purpose and became, somehow – again, avoiding much thought of it – quite drastically stuck in several different places to tuck tape at the top of the wall.

Needless to say, especially for those of you who shuddered just at the word snake, it was a situation filled with mild panic as we tried to carefully cut the aggressively-sticky tape around the snake. The snake, also panicking, then tightly coiled itself

around one of those pipes in a last ditch effort to not be put into a box intended for its safety.

But what brought some calm is knowing exactly who to turn to for help. Once freed, it was clear the tape was not going to come off the snake on its own, and that if we tried to remove it we might cause more damage. A quick call to Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary made us exhale. "Bring it in," the volunteer on the other end of the phone said. "That's what we're here for."

Into the depths of the Blairhampton Triangle, on Duck Lake Road, Monika Melichar's Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary might not necessarily be top of mind of everyone for its seclusion.

You've read about the incredible work they've done in this paper, seen success stories online, and you know how much they value taking care of wildlife that has so often been injured as a result of human activity – cars on the road, boats in the water, tuck tape on the wall and also habitat destruction and increasing effects of climate change – but you don't necessarily know how busy they are and yet how quickly they spring into action to help until you feel helpless yourself.

Just this year alone, the sanctuary team has helped 350 animals and have more than 130 in their care as you read this: squirrels, opossums, skunks, fawns, barred owls, songbirds, ducklings, minks and lots of



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SUE TIFFIN *Reporter*



"Anything interesting happen on Earth last year?"

Who is following who?

USKIE ANGLERS are an ingenious group of people. For, they invented the follow. Up until they did that, people used to call it seeing a fish. In fact, it still is called that when dealing with other sportfish species.

For instance, if you ask a skunked bass angler if they caught any fish – which is a cruel thing to ask, because if they caught fish you'd already know – they will probably pretend not to hear you or, if that's impossible, tell you in no uncertain terms where to go.

They will certainly not tell you about the fish they saw, because that is an indication there were fish to be caught,

which is the exact opposite of what they will eventually try to tell you.

Muskie anglers, God bless them, decided to challenge that cruel question head on, however. So, if you were to ask a skunked muskie angler if they had any luck, they would smile and tell you about the follows they saw.

For those unaware, a follow is a muskie, or the shadow of what could be a muskie, or a neutrally buoyant stick, that materializes out of nowhere within sight of the angler and then leaves quickly without showing any interest in the lure they were "following"

The muskie angler is saying to you three things. I was in the right area and attracted a huge fish so I know what I'm doing. Also, the fish didn't take my lure because muskie are very smart, so you should respect me for targeting a very challenging fish.

See how brilliant this is?

That's why I am hoping to introduce something similar to the bass fishing world this Saturday.

That's right. This season I will be telling people (who ask if I had any luck when I have clearly been skunked) about how many

bass "follows" I had.

But lest you think I am ripping off the muskie anglers, let me tell you the major difference. In muskie fishing it is the muskie who follows the angler while, in my version, it is the angler who follows the bass.

So, if some wise-acre asks me if I got any bass, when I was obviously skunked, I will get my revenge by boring them to tears with a 30-minute story about all the bass I followed. That II teach them.

My fish finder is going to help, of course, since I will be able to follow bass without ever having seen them at all.

By doing this, the bass angler is saying to you three things. I was in the right area and was attracted by a huge fish so I know what I'm doing. Also, the fish swam away from my lure because bass are very smart, so you should respect the bass for targeting a challenged angler. Likewise you should respect the challenged angler for targeting such a smart fish.

See how brilliant this is?

In either case, whether for muskie or bass, "the follow" serves a much-needed purpose, which is to keep cruel people from asking if you managed to catch any fish which, if you did, they would already know about. Trust me.

Oh, sure it won't stop them from asking the first time or maybe even the second. But eventually, they will tire of your lengthy and dramatic descriptions of how a mysterious shadow followed you or allowed you to follow it – perhaps all day.

And then, with any luck at all, whenever they see you at the boat launch, they will walk away without asking...

Which is great, unless you finally catch a good fish. In which case, you'll have a bit more following to do.



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

INOTHERWORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

When it's broken...

MAGINE YOU are a potter whose prized vase slides from slippery fingers and falls to the floor.

If it is only cracked, you try to patch it. If it is shattered, you sweep the pieces into the waste bin and start over, building a new one.

That is the situation of our elected representatives in Ottawa. They are the potters whose prized possession, the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF), has slipped through their fingers and crashed on the floor. It is in pieces, cannot be put together properly and must be swept away and rebuilt.

The corruption and controversies are too serious and too longstanding to sim-

ply fix. It's time for a complete rebuild.



JIM POLING SR. From Shaman's Rock

The Canadian Forces changed dramatically in the years following the Second World War. They were unified in 1968, supposedly to improve efficiency and to save money.

Unification damaged morale and although some unification has been pulled back, the forces have become more civilian-thinking and more bureaucratic. The soldier-warrior of the CAF of the past has become the soldier-manager of a bureaucracy more interested in careers, politics, and executive-style benefits and thinking.

Canadian Forces scandals have been continuous since the Somalia Affair in the early 1990s. That was when two members of the Canadian Airborne Regiment, supposedly peacekeepers, beat to death a Somali teenager.

Then came the coverup, which thankfully was revealed by a hard-working CBC journalist. A Somalia Commission of Inquiry, led by a federal court judge, was started in 1994, but was cut short by the federal government with the approach of the 1997 election.

Before it ended, the inquiry issued 'Dishonoured Legacy', a report highly critical of the Canadian Forces' military and civilian leadership.

"Our soldiers searched, often in vain, for leadership and inspiration," said the report.

It also said: "Many of the senior officers who testified before us, reveal much about the poor state of leadership in our armed forces and the careerist mentality that prevails at the Department of National Defence."

The Somalia Affair was a national shame. It revealed white supremacy thinking within the forces and resulted in the disbanding of the highly-touted airborne regiment. Also, it resulted in a huge loss of public support for the armed

So here we are again, swimming in a torrent of reports of sexual abuse and corruption within the forces. And, it's not something new. Sexual misconduct in the forces has been reported for years with little effective change to correct it.

In 2014, *Macleans* magazine published a major report on sexual harassment. A year later a former Supreme Court justice conducted an investigation detailing sexual harassment and sexual misconduct in the CAF. A year after that Statistics Canada issued a report on these problems.

Now there are so many sexual misconduct investigations of the CAF's top leadership, and so many resignations, that you need a playbook to follow the

Earlier this year Lt.-Col. Eleanor Taylor, one of the country's top female soldiers, resigned, saying she is sickened by sexual misconduct in the armed forces and dismayed that it has taken so long to bring the problem into the open.

"Some senior leaders are unwilling or (perhaps unable) to recognize that their behaviour is harmful both to the victim and to the team," Taylor wrote in her resignation letter.

"Some recognize the harm but believe they can keep their behaviour secret. Perhaps worst of all are those in authority, who should know better, but lack the courage and tools to confront the systemic issue."

The first step in tearing down and rebuilding the armed forces must be the resignation or firing of Defence Minister Harjit Singh Sajjan. He seems to be an honourable and decent man but in six years has done little to fix the scandalous problems in the CAF, which now are held in contempt by many Canadians.

Last week the House of Commons voted to censure Sajjan for what it called mishandling of the ongoing sexual misconduct crisis.

It's now up to the prime minister to do the honourable thing and initiate the tearing down and rebuilding. With an election likely in the offing, that is not likely because doing what is right and honourable at election time just doesn't fit with the way politics are done these days.

letters to the editor

Bundled and betrayed

To the Editor,

On the rare occasion when the CRTC does not allow Bell Canada to raise prices on some of their services, Bell gets creative and still finds a way to stiff us. I figured this was coming after Bell removed the bundle discount from my mobility (data hub internet service) last year. I retaliated by finding a better, less expensive service. Last week Bell advised me they were eliminating the bundle discount on my home phone and TV services.

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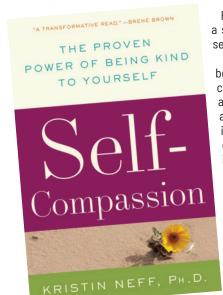
ed to speak to someone who actually gave a rat's behind. After over an hour and the same discussion with three other people, the last person told me he was very sorry but there was nothing he could do to compensate me some other way (sometimes that works).

Don't waste your time complaining to the CRTC (Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications). It's like complaining to the OEB (Ontario Energy Board) about your hydro bill. One thing that may help is to email your concerns to the new CEO of Bell Canada, Mirko Bibic mirkobibic@bell.ca.

One of his people will respond and no matter what the resolve is you can at least have peace of mind that your complaint has made it near to

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Canadian Blood Services to discontinue local donation clinics

by MIKE BAKER
Times Staff

Canadian Blood Services will be hosting one final blood donation clinic in Haliburton next month before pulling out of the community for good.

The news was delivered last week by Jennifer Mathieu, territory manager for donor relations and collections, who indicated it had become too costly for Canadian Blood Services to operate clinics in the Highlands.

"Our decisions about where we hold these blood donation events are constantly being assessed on a national basis, and they're based on several factors - the number of units we collect, the cost of labour and transportation... To give an example, trucks come from Brampton to go to Haliburton [for the clinics], then once the units are given by donors, another truck comes to pick up the units and take them back to Brampton, so with the distance... it's quite costly," Mathieu said. "We need to assess all of these different factors when we look at where and when we have events to ensure we have an efficient blood system."

The final clinic will take place on July 5 at the Haliburton Legion. The event is fully booked, with 79 individuals already registered to give blood.

There have been many questions

asked by local residents on social media in recent weeks, who wondered if those who had received a COVID-19 vaccination shot would be eligible to give blood. Mathieu sought to clear up any confusion.

"There is absolutely no wait time after receiving a COVID-19 vaccination to donate blood. It's 100 per cent safe for you to do so, as well it's 100 per cent safe for the person receiving your donation," Mathieu said.

While Canadian Blood Services is constantly in need of every type of blood, Mathieu notes O-negative is particularly critical given that it's a universal blood type and can be administered to anyone.

Mathieu says the country's blood inventory is stable at present, thanks to the many people, including the 79 registered to do so next month in Haliburton, who continue to donate their blood.

"Something that people may not realize is every 60 seconds in Canada someone needs a blood transfusion," Mathieu noted. "Pandemic or not, there's people fighting various diseases and they still need blood each and every day, so the need for blood remains constant."

With Canadian Blood Services' departure from the community, the closest place Haliburton residents will be able to give blood moving forward is Lindsay or Peterborough.



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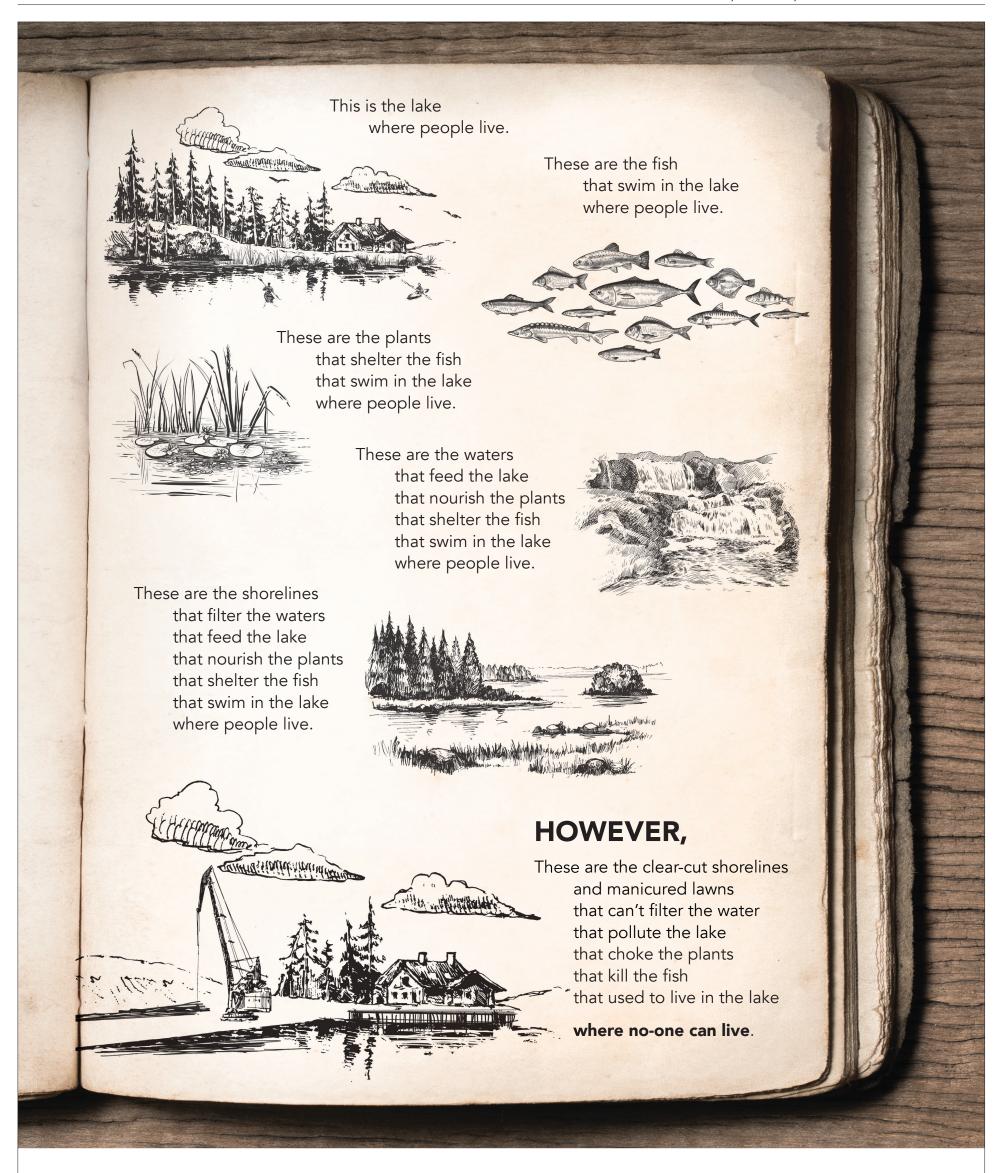
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Uptick in tick populations brings crowd to parasitologist's presentation

by SUE TIFFIN Times Staff

When Dr. Andrew Peregrine, professor and clinical parasitologist at the Ontario Veterinary College moved to Southern Ontario in 1997, he said the prevalence of ticks in Ontario was not what it is now.

"I distinctly remember shortly after I arrived, saying, what do you teach the vet students about ticks? And literally, [the person retiring] said to me, you don't really need to bother, it's not an issue," Peregrine told a gathering of hundreds of people tuned in to a presentation called An upTICK on Ticks on Lyme Disease in Eastern Ontario. "And essentially that probably was true back in the 1990s, but things, as you more than anyone would be aware, have changed significantly since that time."

The June 8 virtual meeting, hosted by The Friends of the Napanee River and Friends of the Salmon River and joined by Environment Haliburton in lieu of an enviro-cafe, saw more than 250 people log in to the live presentation and more than 400 view the video in the week since the meeting. Much of the reason for the interest is that in the past few years, climate change has led to a major increase in tick populations with Health Canada reporting more than 990 cases of Lyme disease in 2016 – most of these cases from Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia - compared to 144 cases in 2009. Since the Lyme disease case definition was updated, case counts have jumped to more than 2,600 in 2019.

While Peregrine treats animals and not humans, he spoke to what types of ticks commonly transmit pathogens and how to identify them, how Lyme disease is spreading and how Lyme disease presents in people.

Though in the past, Peregrine said, there was really only one tick that was found on animals and so looking closer at the insect wasn't necessary, now it is important to identify a tick

"Today, things have changed," he said.

While in textbooks there are at least seven different ticks across North America that can be found on humans or pets, Peregrine said the original tick here was the American dog tick (Dermacentor variabilis), and the tick that has invaded southern Ontario is the deer (or black-legged) tick (Ixodes scapularis). The Lone Star tick (Amblyomma americanum) is occasionally here, he said, falling off of migrating birds, but there is not yet evidence that it is established here.

To identify a tick, Peregrine said it's important to learn the difference between the scutum of the most common ticks - the American dog tick scutum is multi-coloured, and the deer tick's scutum is dark brown. The deer tick is the tick that is associated with the transmission of the bacteria called Borrelia burgdorferi, the bacteria that causes Lyme disease – named for the area of Connecticut it was first diagnosed in, explained Peregrine, while the American dog tick - "at the moment that's a 'good tick' in Ontario" - does not carry bugs or pathogens harmful to humans that we have identified.

Ticks investigated for Borrelia burgdorferi are also immediately screened for Anaplasma phagocytophilium, with an occurrence rate of three per cent, and Babesia microti, which shows up about one per cent of the time.

"Of all the tick-borne diseases in North America, Lyme disease is by far the most important," said Peregrine. "All those three things will infect people, by far the most common in Ontario is Lyme disease.'

The deer tick, which like feeding on whitetailed deer, ingest blood so that they can produce eggs once they've dropped off an

"Once a tick is fully fed, on white-tailed deer, the female tick drops off into the environment and she lays her eggs in the environment," said Peregrine. "The most ideal environment for that tick and the eggs to develop is essentially brush and grass on the edge of deciduous forest. It's much less common in coniferous forest areas."

If the female tick is infected with Borrelia burgdorferi, or the bug that causes Lyme disease, she does not transfer that to her

"So the obvious question is then, well, how do they get infected?" asked Peregrine.

The eggs hatch to release a tiny structure – larva – that has three pairs of legs rather than the four pairs of an adult. To mature they need blood which they typically find on wild rodents including white-footed mice, shrews, voles, and also birds.

"They feed on the rodents because they need blood to mature, however if that blood contains the bacteria Borrelia burgdorferi, they will get infected with that bacteria, and once they get infected they remain infected for life," said Peregrine. "So it's wild rodents, and particularly white-footed mice in southern Ontario that are extremely important to the risk of these ticks getting infected. They get infected with the bug that causes Lyme disease. It doesn't usually make them sick but it circulates in their blood for at least a number of weeks or months, so that when the larvae feed on the mice, not only do they take in blood but they get infected with the bacteria that causes Lyme disease.'

The larva then drops to the environment where it moults to a nymph, which also tends to feed on rodents - but also birds and people. It can also acquire the bug and be infected for life.



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- DR. ANDREW PEREGRINE



Typically it is the immature adult that we end up seeing on ourselves, or pets, said Peregrine. Ticks will wait to come into contact with animals.

"What influences the risk of exposure to ticks? Number one, you've got to go outside, you've got to walk into their environment, and unlike fleas that hunt for people or pets, ticks literally crawl up blades of grass, and they then extend their [front legs]. It's called questing – they're literally just waiting for you, me, or our pets to walk by and then they will transfer onto ourselves."

There are two peaks, or times of the year, for them to be found. They first appear in September or early October, and then those that survive winter under the snow reappear in spring, in April, May or June.

Until about 1995, the only place in all of Canada where the deer tick was known to establish, said Peregrine, was Long Point in Lake Erie. As the tick then began appearing in multiple places across Canada, the Public Health Agency of Canada began asking people to send ticks when they found them - so they could be documented by location, and also so that they could be screened.

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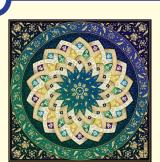
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Regular tick checks help to 'essentially eliminate the risk'

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Maps Peregrine showed during the presentation show a significant spread of ticks throughout southern Ontario, in Eastern Ontario, southern Quebec, the Maritimes and the southern part of Manitoba. In 2021, a pocket of endemic population has been found just north of Peterborough. Just in the past six months, he said, they're being seeing in Guelph.

"When you first see them in an area, it's important to ask the question, is this what's called an adentitious tick and that's essentially a tick that's fallen off a migrating bird, or does that tick represent part of an actively breeding population?," he said. "It's important to differentiate the two, because it's the latter, an actively breeding population, the risk of contact with the tick and the risk of Lyme disease is quite different."

Local public health units will drag an area, then return a second year to determine if the population is endemic.

Thousands of ticks, said Peregrine, come to Ontario on migrating birds, especially from the northeastern part of the United States, every spring. While there has always been bird migration, the number of ticks in the U.S. has increased significantly. Changes in deer population and reforestation has caused tick populations to increase. And it's very clear, said Peregrine, "that climate change has certainly been driving, at least in part, the changes in distribution." Eastern Ontario is providing the ideal and correct temperature and humidity for best propagation and establishment of the tick. In 2007, 7.5 per cent of ticks submitted from Ontario to the Public Health Agency of Canada were found to have Borrelia burgdorferi, and in 2013 that number increased to 18.4 per cent.





"So the longer the tick is in the area, the more common infection typically is in these ticks," said Peregrine.

To acquire Lyme disease through ticks, a tick must feed on a person for at least 36 hours to transmit the bug that causes Lyme disease. Usually within the first month of infection, a large, red, circular, sometimes bulls-eye rash at least five centimetres in diameter can appear – typically in 60 to 80 per cent of people, and usually seven to 14 days after the tick's

"So it's a lot larger than a common bug bite and it develops much more slowly than, for instance, a mosquito bite, associated with the bacteria multiplying and spreading in the skin."

Also in the first month, some people can complain of muscle or joint pain and flu signs. Most cases are treated with a few weeks of antibiotics.

"If the infection is caught in that early stage, typically infection in people and in dogs responds very quickly to treatment. However, if the bacteria then spreads around the body after that, it can be much more difficult to treat."

Will you or your pet get Lyme disease? It has to be the right tick – the one associated with Lyme disease – that has been well-fed for at least 36 hours and has to be carrying the bug. The overall proportion of all the ticks in Eastern Ontario infected in 2016 was 23 per cent, said Peregrine.

If you have a dog, he suggested speaking to a vet about

oral or topical tick products, or to consider a vaccine, which is available for dogs. [While human vaccination is not yet possible, Peregrine said there is a good chance it will one day exist, which "would change the world once they come on the market."]

"Every day after walking in tick areas: check daily for ticks," he said. "Because if you check the dog every 24 hours for ticks, and pull them off before they've fed long enough to transmit the bug that causes Lyme disease, you can essentially eliminate the risk."

It's a good idea to get in the practice of tick checks on ourselves - like those in Lyme, Connecticut now - on a daily

Be cautious walking in the woods, avoiding bushy and grassy areas if possible, tuck long pants into socks and wear long-sleeved shirts, and potentially use tick repellant but be mindful of pyrethrin which can be extremely toxic to cats. Ticks can be the size of a poppy seed, so though they can be removed with tweezers at home, a visit to a physician for removal is recommended.

To view Peregrine's presentation on YouTube, visit https:// www.youtube.com/watch?v=6WTo5cmqExQ. For more information on Environment Haliburton visit https://www.environmenthaliburton.org/.





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Health unit excited for 'most vaccine we've had in the region to-date'

by SUE TIFFIN Times Staff

The following are brief reports from a Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district health unit press conference with medical officer of health Dr. Natalie Bocking, held virtually June 16.

This week, people with appointments booked at mass immunization clinics in the HKPR region will be offered Moderna vaccine unless between the ages of 12 and 17.

Last week it was announced an influx of millions of doses of Moderna vaccine would arrive in Canada, with a large proportion of that shipment being distributed in Ontario. While Pfizer had offered the most stable source of vaccine supply, with up to 9,300 vaccines available locally, on June 21 the health unit said a delay in Pfizer vaccine shipments would result in all appointments at HKPR mass immunization clinics, including the pop-up clinic at the Haliburton Legion, being offered Moderna vaccine. Those aged 12 to 17 will still receive the Pfizer vaccine, it being the only vaccine currently approved for that age group.

Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines can be interchanged for first and second doses, according to the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) guidance.

At the June 16 meeting, Dr. Natalie Bocking, HKPR medical officer of health, said over the next three weeks, more vaccination appointments would be available as a result of the additional Moderna vaccines.

"The next two to three weeks are going to see the most vaccine we have had in the region to date, which I think is quite exciting," said Bocking.

Mass clinics in the area have had 'excellent uptake,' said Bocking, with four clinics posted the day before being full within 24 hours, but she encouraged people who might be frustrated with a lack of appointments available through the provincial booking system to also consider receiving a vaccine at pharmacies in the region, with primary care providers or to check back on possible added clinic dates.

Coke or Pepsi, Moderna or Pfizer, take what you can get

Bocking noted that for some people booking a second appointment, they might have received Pfizer for their first vaccination but might be offered Moderna as their second vaccination, and said that in trying to achieve the highest vaccination coverage as possible with both first and second doses, she'd encourage people to get that shot.

"I'd really encourage individuals to take that appointment," said Bocking. "If Moderna is being offered at an earlier date, we know that the vaccines are approved for interchangeability.'

Bocking noted vaccine selection is being compared right now to "whether it's Pepsi or Coke," and said typically when people arrive at a doctor's office for other vaccinations, they don't ask about brand name - what is important is that it's the same mechanism to fight the virus.

The interval between first and second dose shots of AstraZeneca has been reduced to eight weeks from 12 weeks.

"Because we know there continue to be new variants that are circulating, such as the Delta variant, that there's really a sense of urgency around getting second doses sooner rather than later," said Bocking.

Double vaccinations

"The current guidance from both the federal and provincial government is that if you have received both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, that you still practice all of the same public health measures that you were before, including masking, distancing, limiting indoor gatherings, having very small outdoor gatherings according to what step we're in in the re-opening plan," said Bocking. The Public Health Agency of Canada as well as the Province of Ontario are looking at more specific guidance for public health measures being eased once there is a higher coverage of second doses in the population, she said.

"We will see that eventually start to ease, but we have a little ways to go until a much higher portion of the population has received two doses of vaccine, so you know, fingers crossed by the end of the summer we'll be seeing that change but until then we have lots to look forward to."

As of June 16, 121,575 residents of HKPR district had received their first dose of vaccine. To date, 70.9 per cent of individuals 12 and over had received their first dose and 12.2. per cent of individuals had received their second dose. Of those in the 18-and-over group, 72.9 per cent had received their first dose and 12.9 per cent had received two doses. More than 83 per cent of those 60-and-over had received one dose.

Bocking said that with more vaccine coming to the area and expanded eligibility opening up for second doses, those numbers would increase, "with the ultimate goal really of having the highest proportion of the population having received two doses of vaccine, as possible."

Delta variant identified in **HKPR** district

A "handful of cases," had been confirmed to be the Delta variant, or B.1.617.2 strain first identified in India, Bocking said, in cases in Northumberland County and the City of Kawartha Lakes.

"Some of these have been linked to a contact outside of HKPR jurisdiction, so whether it was an exposure if they were present in another area that had more Delta variants, but we have had a handful of the Delta variants."

It has been projected province-wide that the Delta variant will become the dominant

"I think the key piece that we're trying to prevent is that strain from resulting in a large number of cases, and hospitalizations, and deaths," said Bocking. "With the Alpha variant, we didn't have vaccines available then, with the Delta variant, we do. I think we're quite hopeful we'll be able to prevent it from having the same impacts that the Alpha variant did."

Since April 1, approximately 70 per cent of cases across the HKPR region have been identified as a variant of concern, largely the Alpha – or B.1.1.7, or variant first identified in the U.K.



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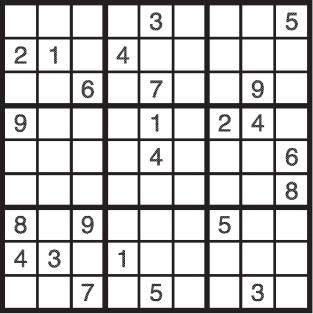
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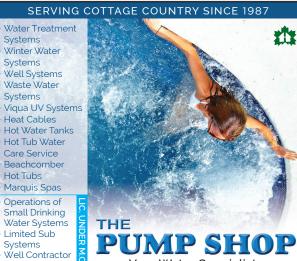


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Provincial inter-library loan resumes

by SUE TIFFIN Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items from a June 9 meeting of the Haliburton County Public Library board.

The Haliburton County Public Library has resumed the provincial inter-library loan service, which allows Haliburton County residents to request and have delivered materials from outside the HCPL's collection, after nearly two years of being suspended.

As reported in the Echo in 2019, that spring's provincial budget included a 50 per cent funding reduction to the Southern Ontario Library Service (SOLS) which operated the inter-library loan program and which ceased the service immediately in mid-April that year.

The inter-library loan system allowed the Haliburton County Public Library, which has a relatively small collection, to supply patrons with materials from outside of the county - those materials brought to local branches by van. The cancellation of the service led to widespread public outcry among library users throughout the province.

"This meant that instead of the SOLS courier delivering and picking up two times a week, we needed to implement a process and budget to use our own staff and Canada Post for package delivery and pick up," said Anna Babluck, acting HCPL CEO, in a report to the board.

The service had resumed in March 2020, but soon after the pandemic – and the first provincial lockdown – began. It has remained suspended due to staffing and pandemic restrictions but was restarted at the beginning of June.

"The service is being offered on a smaller scale than it had been when the SOLS courier was running," reads the report. "With HCPL absorbing the postal cost and the extra staff time, there have been some limits put in place for both borrowing and lending. Once the process has been up and running for a few months, the limits may be adjusted as we see the impact on staff time and the budget."

Library card registrations

Since March 2020 when the HCPL's online library card registration opened, 385 new cardholders have become library patrons.

Libraries remain closed but still offering programs and materials

Curbside pickup remains an option at most HCPL branches. "Under Ontario's Roadmap to Reopen, the soonest library branches could reopen is July 5, but as that date is subject to change, no plans to reopen have been made yet," reads

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May has enjoyed the Minden areas since the early 60's. So much so that she retired here in 1984 and joined many different social activities such as the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 636, became an officer and a member of the Ladies Auxiliary; founding member of Club 35; and the Minden Curling Club. In recent years, May has enjoyed sewing, knitting, quilting, rug hooking, gardening and euchre.

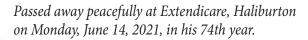
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Health Services Board AGM

Construction is priority #1

by Jack Brezina, Editor

There is an urgency to get on with the construction of the two health facilities in Minden and Haliburton. That was the theme that ran through the first annual meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Board held Thursday at the Minden Arena.

Board chair Hugh Nichol repeated that theme on several occasions as the board moved through a number of routine business items usually associated with an annual meeting. It came up in the discussion of the board's deficit financing, in the plans of the Health Services Board Foundation to raise money and in the organization's plans to expand its delivery of services to the community it serves.

"There is an urgency to getting on with the capital projects," Nichol told the meeting. The chairman, who is also a chartered accountant, said he had carried out budget studies incorporating the 13 acute care beds and 30 long-term care beds at the Haliburton Hospital and the amalgamation of the Minden Hospital with the renovated Hyland Crest site and said the additions would achieve economies of scale that would allow the board to operate within its projected budget parameters. He suggested that the longer the capital projects remain on hold, the longer it will be before the board can reach a balanced budget or even be in a surplus position.

"We are looking forward to going ahead with the construction of the two site at the same time," he said. "We have come a long way, but we also have a long

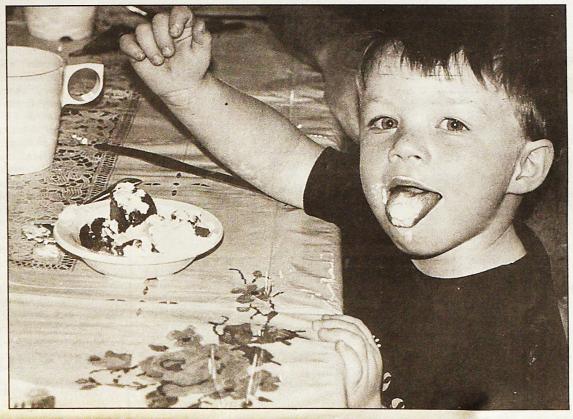
Nichol pointed to two recent developments which have helped move the plans forward. "Two weeks ago county council agreed to underwrite the public portion of the capital projects." That means that the board would not have to wait until the public portion of the construction costs was raised before beginning work, although fund-raising will still be a priority. As well, the county has agreed to transfer the control of Hyland Crest to the Health Services Board. He admitted there are many issues to be worked out, but the agreement in principle from the county helps in getting the process moving ahead.

A reasonable level of service

Nichol noted that despite its financial troubles, the board has been able to provide what he described as a reasonable level of service at the two hospitals during the past year, in particular ensuring the emergency service at Minden continues on a 24 hour a day basis.

He also pointed out that the board has started into the process of creating an integrated health services system adding a mental health services component during the past year, providing visiting paediatric services, implementing a diabetes educational program and development of supportive housing services. He suggested that integrating the ambulance services into the system is currently under consideration as well as integration of the hospital and medical clinic

The board incurred a \$75,000 deficit this year, however, as was pointed out during the meeting, the amount is much lower than those reported by St. Joseph's Health Centre during its last two years of op-



Strawberry delight

YMCA Camp Wanakita held its annual open house and strawberry social June 22. Strawberry desserts and numerous other treats topped off the buffet. It was the strawbernes, shortcake and the delicious whipped cream that was the hit of the day. As young Travis Stephen can atest to....it was lip-smacking delicious.

eration of the two hospitals. He said while the deficit is still of concern, the board is obviously moving in the right direction and is managing its resources as best it can. He noted that an additional budget cut from the province is expected next year. Later in the meeting he asked if those in attendance would favour the board making use of \$150,000 of the provincial portion of the capital allotment to assist with the operational side of the budget. The consensus indicated approval and Nichol said he would be pursuing that option with the Ministry of Health immediately.

New equipment purchased

The meeting also heard from Dr. Norm Bottum, Chief of Staff for the board, who described some of the changes that have occurred during the past year. He said that equipment has been upgraded, new policies introduced and the medications maintained by the two hospitals have been upgraded. He said the doctors are committed to the capital projects and "We are looking forward to the exciting possibilities that exist down the road."

Executive Director Foster Loucks gave a brief description of the services now offered through the Health Services Board. "We have been able to maintain the 24 hour emergency services in Minden despite the lukewarm reception to the idea from the Ministry of Health," he told the meeting. He said the board is moving ahead with its plans for the 13 bed acute care hospital in Haliburton and the attached, 30 bed longterm care facility as well as the redevelopment of the Minden site. Loucks paid tribute to the efforts of the doctors in both centres and Jose Urbano, who heads the mental health clinic, for their leadership over the year.

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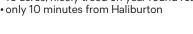
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